

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An environment and method for developing dataflow applications where a
dataflow transformation is encapsulated into a dataflow graph expressed as a reusable
5 map component using a host development language such as Java, and the dataflow graphs
are linked together via ports. A scalar map component performs a specific data
transformation and a composite map component is built from a number of other map
components typically representing a family of data transformations. Map components
have interface and implementation properties which assist in developing customized,
10 hierarchical data transformation logic. The ports are polymorphic and can be specific,
generic, or composite data types, to allow linking of map components which compile to
generate a dataflow pattern. A map component may employ dynamic logic where
internal sub-graphs or links are added or properties changed based on information
received from the compiler, such as port types, design properties, or static data
15 transformation.

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